



Spelman College®

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON
SEMESTER
PROGRAM



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Concentrations

- American Politics
- Global Economics & Business
- Foreign Policy
- Justice & Law
- Journalism & New Media
- International Law & Organizations
- Sustainable Development

<http://www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/index.cfm>

Core Components

SEMINAR (8 CREDITS)

Learn from professors who are experts in their fields and who know Washington, DC. They will introduce you to local, national, and global experts as you explore key issues in the topic.

Beyond the classroom, your professor will use DC as a classroom. You will learn about the inner workings of non-profits, businesses, government agencies and international organizations. You will have innovative assignments like applied learning activities, business plan development, service-learning, and use of media and simulations. The Seminars are cohort based - they will include just Washington Semester Program students.

THE INTERNSHIP (4 CREDITS)

With our unsurpassed experience working with college students coming to DC for internships, we pride ourselves on professional internships, in which you gain knowledge of an organization or industry, as well as practical knowledge of a career field. Prior to arriving in DC, you will receive access to our internship database, which provides you an instant network of organizations.

We also will provide you with resources to write an effective résumé and cover letter, so you arrive in DC ready to interview. You have the option to start your search right away, or wait until you arrive in D.C. Either way, you'll have several weeks at the beginning of the semester to attend interviews and make your selection.

[Learn more about SPExS internships](#)

Optional Components

RESEARCH OR ELECTIVE COURSE (3 OR 4 CREDITS)

You have the option of choosing to conduct an in-depth research project using Washington, D.C. as a laboratory of information or to take an elective class from AU's hundreds of offerings to fulfill an academic requirement from your home school.

Member school students should check with their member school representative to see if their school requires students to conduct a research project while in the program.

International students (from non-U.S. universities) enrolling in a non-WSP elective will incur additional per-credit fees.

How to Apply

To Get Started...

Review the AU Washington Semester Program components and list of concentrations

Meet with your major advisor and department chair for approval prior to registration

Explore DC area offerings

To Apply...

[Review the application requirements & Submit Application](#)

Fall Semester—Due 1st week of April

Spring Semester - Due 1st week of November

Online applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but it is recommended that you apply as early as possible, because space is limited for each concentration

Print a copy of your application and save for your records; you can also save as a PDF file

The Interview

The Interview...

Meet with your Spelman Representative, Stacy Washington, Special Academic Programs Manager (swashi37@spelman.edu)

Email a copy of your application, resume and copy of your unofficial transcript to Ms. Washington prior to the meeting

Append a picture to the top left corner of your application cover sheet (you will receive from Ms. Washington when you schedule your interview)

Secure an Internship...

Once accepted you will gain access to the internship database! Remember, some internships require considerable lead time for security screening and processing

For additional information please visit:

<http://www.american.edu/spexs/interns/index.cfm>

Time for Exchange

Prior to Exchange...

Review academic plan for your exchange and your return to Spelman with your department chair

Ensure that you have a zero balance at Spelman

Review/accept financial agreement with Washington Semester Program

Confirm schedule at host institution

Decline Spelman housing for your exchange term

On to the Exchange...

Arrange transportation to DC

Attend orientation, if offered

Meet the Washington Semester Program exchange staff in DC

For return to Spelman...

Request that an official transcript be sent to Spelman

Register for classes; submit housing application, if applicable

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